

Ambassadors Needed

Teen 4-H members (14 or up) with leadership qualities and abilities are being sought to fill the role of Junior and Senior 4-H Ambassadors for Gallatin County. The Junior and Senior Teen Ambassadors are the official spokespersons for the county 4-H program with the duties of promoting 4-H to all non-4-H audiences. This could include presentations to schools, letters to the editor in the local paper, recruiting volunteers, or any other 4-H promotional event. Ambassadors are asked to attend ambassador training during pre-congress weekend and a conference in the fall. The term of office is two years and begins in July during 2007 Montana 4-H Congress. At the end of the first year, the Junior Ambassador becomes the Senior Ambassador and a new Junior is recruited. If interested, go to www.gallatinextension. com and you can print a PDF application or please call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213 for the form. Application deadline to is May 16th.

Montana 4-H Archery National Qualifying Invitational

The second archery national qualifying invitational will be held Saturday, May 12, 2007, in Helena. Start time will be 8 a.m., place to be announced. Last year's event was a real groundbreaker for those who participated. None of the shooters had participated in all three events before, so it was a learning experience for all. The qualifier proved to be very valuable when we got to nationals, because the team members were confident of the events and rules. Montana's team not only won first place as a team but placed three individuals in the top 10. They were perfect ambassadors of our state, meeting serious 4-H shooters from across the nation, offering support and encouragement to all, and competing with a very high level of knowledge and skill in a friendly way. We were all extremely proud of them! Now we're very excited about forming another team from the wide selection of talented Montana 4-H archers. This year we hope to include a recurve team as well, and double our numbers for this wonderful opportunity! Complete information about the national event can be found at www.4-hshootingsports.org. Coaches and shooters alike, contact Nancy Roe at 933-8520 or e-mail goatroepen@juno.com with questions.

Shotgun Project May Be Offered This Summer

With sufficient interest, 4-H will again offer a 6-7 week shotgun project for members having taken hunters safety or having similar safety/gun handling experience. The project will meet weekly at the sporting clays range near Logan. If interested, please call the Gallatin County 4-H Office at 388-3213 to get on the list. This project will only continue if interest is shown.

Robotics

Thanks to the interest of MSU professor, Alex Dimitrov, a robotics training will be offered if there is enough 4-H member and potential leader interest. The project involves small Lego robots that can be programmed to perform tasks such as picking up a ball, driving though a course, and numerous other jobs that are limited only by your imagination. The robotics project kit comes with a computer program that allows you to design and then download maneuvers to your robot. It's a fun and fascinating project that Dr. Dimitrov would like to introduce to 4-H members and at least one adult who is interested in leading the project. If interested (both youth and adults), please call the Gallatin County 4-H Office at 388-3213.

4-H Dog Show for the Montana State Fair

The 4-H Dog Show for the Montana State Fair will be held in Great Falls on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m., immediately following the conclusion of the dog obedience classes. If you are interested in participating, please call the Cascade County Extension office at 454-6980 or e-mail sknowles@montana.edu for a registration form. Registration is due in the Cascade County Extension Office with accompanying proof of vaccination records on Friday, May 11. The show will be held at the King Equestrian Center one mile east of Great Falls.